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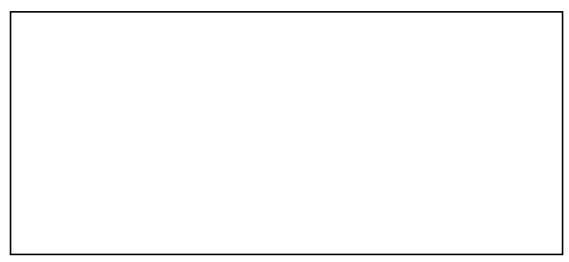
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**Disputed Islands in the Persian Gulf** Ahvaz **IRAQ** Abadan IRAN Gachsaran .... KUWAIT Shiraz ☆Kuwait Persian Gulf islands in dispute between Iran and the Trucial States Bushire, The Tunbs: controlled by Ras al Khaimah, claimed by Iran Abu Musa: controlled by Sharjah, claimed by Iran PERSONAL Bandar 'Abbas Ras Tanura Dammam • BAHRAIN THE Dhahran• Manama ABU MÜSA Ras al Umm al Qaiwain Alman E Sharjah FRUC Dubai Hofuf QATAR Doha Fujairah PROPOSED FEDERATION OF ARAB AMIRATES (Bahrain, Qatar, and the Seven Trucial States) ☆ Riyadh SAUDI ABU DHABI OMAN **ARABIA** 

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OCCUPY THE DISPUTED ISLANDS OF ABU MUSA AND	THE LONRZ
AFTER THE BRITISH WITHDRAW LATER THIS YEAR,	

EARLY THIS WEEK, ZAHEDI ADMITTED TO AMBASSADOR MACARTHUR THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS AWARE THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT THE SHEIKHS WILL PUBLICLY AGREE TO IRAN'S CLAIM AND THAT THEY SEEMED TO PREFER TO HAVE TEHRAN SETTLE THE MATTER BY FORCE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE BELIEVES THAT BOTH SIDES COULD LIVE WITH AN IRANIAN TAKE-OVER IF THE SHEIKHS OFFERED NO RESISTANCE AND SAUDI ARABIAN AND KUWAITI OBJECTIONS WERE LIMITED AND MODERATE.

ZAHEDI DISMISSED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY COULD BE LEFT OBSCURE, ARGUING THAT TO DO SO WOULD COURT MISCALCULATION BY ''RAD-ICAL ARABS AND OTHERS'' THAT COULD LEAD TO CONFLICT

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